

CLASS SPECIFICATION
County of Fairfax, Virginia

CLASS CODE: 1515

TITLE: UTILITIES ANALYST

GRADE: S-27

DEFINITION:

Under general supervision, to review and analyze financial and economic data concerning the operation and practices of public utilities; and to do related work as required.

TYPICAL TASKS:

Performs financial and economic analyses of the operation of the public utilities serving Fairfax County to make recommendations regarding the County's position on utility rates and services;

Reviews the annual reports and other sources of financial activities of the various utilities serving the County to ensure their conformance with the regulations of various governmental regulatory bodies;

Conducts analyses of utilities investment, capital budgeting and stock market prices;

Analyzes capital structure, cost of debt, and common equity in the determination of fair rates of return for utilities;

Prepares and presents testimony and exhibits in utility rate cases on fair rate of return, cost of service and other issues before state and federal regulatory bodies on behalf of the County;

Formulates, cross-examination questions and briefs County legal counsel on them;

Keeps informed of developments in the area of utility regulation and their impact on the economic activities of the utility companies and the consumers;

Prepares special reports and performs other utility-related studies for the information and guidance of County officials.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of financial and economic analysis techniques;

Knowledge of public utility organization and financial structure;

Knowledge of rules and regulations governing utility operations;

Ability to analyze and interpret financial and economic data;

Ability to speak clearly and effectively to groups or in presenting testimony.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a Bachelor's degree in economics or finance or a closely related field and four years of professional experience closely related to the conduct of financial and economic analyses of the operation of public utilities and the services rendered by them.

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